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College renews president's contract

By Scott Nixon

During a closed session Sept. 23, the college's board of governors agreed unanimously to renew the president's contract for a further five years. The contract was to end on Nov. 30.

In an interview Oct. 4, John Tibbits said he was fairly confident his contract would be renewed. "I think there's been basic support."

President since 1987, Tibbits said the college has undergone positive changes during his presidency. "I think we have a much closer relationship with the community, particularly the business community."

He said the college now has a better reputation than it used to. Tibbits added he is proud of how Conestoga has responded to government cutbacks. Seven million dollars was cut from the college's budget last year by the provincial government.

"I think the major success was being able to deal with the significant budget cuts last year," he said. "And we were able to deal with it in a humane fashion."

In response to the cutbacks, 106 employees left the college, but only six were laid off. The rest were given early leave packages.

He said Conestoga was able to deal with the cutbacks in a humane way because the college planned in advance for financial tough times.

Tibbits said he didn't feel students were adversely affected by the reduction in college employees. He also said there won't be much more money coming from the government.

"I don't see the government having a lot more money and we're just going to have to raise that money privately."

As for disappointments during his presidency, Tibbits said he wishes the college had been able to get bus service to and from Cambridge.

During the next five years of his presidency, Tibbits said the greatest challenge will be reacting to cutbacks and at the same time, improving the quality of education offered.

He said more funds must be raised to improve the hardware and software available to students.

Tibbits said his renewed contract, which runs until Nov. 30, 2001, is basically the same as it has always been.

Where eagles soar



John Moreira, 33, of Stybek contractors, repairs a section of the fourth-floor roof damaged by early October frost.

(Photo by Sean S. Finlay)

DSA follows through with threat to close Sanctuary

By Diana Loveless

The Sanctuary was shut down for two days Oct. 7 and 8 by the Doon Student Association because of an ongoing problem with mess left behind by students.

"We feel that the students should be able to respect their lounge enough that we wouldn't have to go to this extreme," Becky Boertin, DSA director of student life, said in an interview Oct. 9.

Reactions to the closure have been mixed, said Boertin.

"We had some students come in and say 'it's great that you're taking steps to try to clean up the lounge.'"

Other students have complained to the DSA that because they're not the ones making the mess they shouldn't be penalized.

Students interviewed in the lounge the first day it was reopened had varying opinions about the closure and its effectiveness in solving the problem.

"If you want to set an example, you have to do it as a whole — you can't just go part way," said Tanya McLean, second-year broadcasting student. "I think it (the closure) was a pretty good thing."

Second-year robotics and automation student Johnston Callaghan said the DSA overreacted to the state of the Sanctuary.

"Obviously it leaves a mess, but it's not really that big a deal."

"If this were a university, they would just get the lounge cleaned," he said.

Hiring somebody to clean the lounge is one option being explored by the DSA, Boertin said.

"But we don't want to spend money on that, we want to spend money on things that will be more beneficial to the students."

Second-year woodworking student Rob Cameron, who came into the Spoke office with classmate Chris Stapleton to complain about the Sanctuary being closed, said because the lounge belongs to the students, the DSA shouldn't have the right to close it down. "I wouldn't even mind paying a DSA lounge clean-up fee."

The mess seems like a minor problem, Stapleton said. He suggested Beaver Foods should take some responsibility for the mess because most of the food consumed in the lounge is purchased in the cafeteria.

Beaver Foods manager John Kast agreed that most of the garbage in the lounge would come from food purchased in the cafeteria, but said it is not their responsibility to clean the lounge.

"Our main responsibility is the cafeteria," he said. "If anyone is responsible, it would be house-keeping."

Coping without family benefits

By Linda Reilly

From family benefits to the Ontario Student Assistance Program, how does a single parent budget a large lump sum instead of monthly benefit cheques?

"Very carefully," said Kathy MacGinnis, in the second year of food and beverage management program at the college's Waterloo campus.

MacGinnis, who said she is good with money, put deposits on all her utilities and paid eight months rent in advance.

She said she tried to pay everything in advance, where possible, and plans to stock up on food for the winter.

"I'll then just pick up what I need as I go along. There will be no extras."

MacGinnis said she felt it was unfair that someone going to hair-dressing school could stay on family benefits; yet someone attending full-time studies at a college or university could not.

She said she felt things should have been left the way they were.

"I only have a year left until I graduate. Going to school, I'm going to get a job a lot faster than someone sitting at home."

MacGinnis said she was told

there was a 99.8 per cent placement rate out of the food and beverage management course.

She said that over the two years she has had to borrow over \$20,000. "Having to borrow to live is stupid."

MacGinnis said she lives in government housing and her rent has dropped to \$43 a month now that she is living on OSAP and not family benefits. "The government is still supporting me."

MacGinnis said she feels a lot of people will waste their OSAP.

"It is easy enough to budget when you have a small amount but a large, lump sum is more difficult."

MacGinnis said she doesn't get to splurge, and her kids live on hot dogs and Kraft dinner, even though she gets more money on a student loan than she did on family benefits. "I can live on an income of \$700 a month."

MacGinnis said that going back to school is something she is doing for her children and for herself.

Out of the six children in her family, she is the first to go to college. "It means everything to me. Graduating is the most important thing in my life, other than my children."

She was the first woman in her



LIVING ON A BUDGET — Kathy MacGinnis, a second-year food and beverage management student, and her children live on a tight budget with a lump sum OSAP payment. (Photo by Linda Reilly)

family to have a job out of four generations of stay-at-home wives and moms.

She says she studies hard and does every assignment. At exam

time she doesn't sleep at all.

MacGinnis doesn't know what the future holds, but said she would like to run her own bed and breakfast some day.

Many reasons for part-timers at Conestoga

By Jason Seeds

Although full-time teachers are usually preferred, there are many advantages to hiring part-time teachers, said Joe Martin, chairman of applied arts.

"We need a mix (of part-time and full-time teachers) in our programs," said Martin. "But the programs are paramount."

"A course in women in film does not warrant a full-time teacher, because there is, at the most, one class per semester," explained Martin. "But none of our current staff is an expert on women in film, so we hire part-time staff."

Another example of this advantage is broadcasting instructor Bob McLean. He has over 30 years experience in radio and television.

McLean does not have time to work full time, although he said he would consider it in the future.

Broadcasting students have access to "a current mogul" in their field, which can be worth as much as a full-time teacher, said broadcasting students.

However, Lori McEnaney, a third-year registered nursing student, said she doesn't always see

the advantage to having part-time teachers.

"I find many don't have the commitment full-time teachers do," she said. "They don't look at your past or where you are going — they just look at where you are at that moment."

McEnaney also said part-time lab technicians often have different ways of doing things.

"During a second-year lab class on cleansing wounds, the students had three different ways to clean the same wound — there is only one right way."

Martin said part-time teachers are not a growing population at Conestoga — it was much higher in the 1980s.

Lois Gaspar, co-ordinator of Conestoga's nursing program, said her faculty makes limited use of part-time staff. There are 19 full-time faculty and three part-time faculty teaching new material in classes.

However, Gaspar said in nursing there are a number of part-time technicians, who are not qualified to teach, but fulfil other important positions.

"Technicians cover our clinical



IN A HEARTBEAT — Julie Maidment, a part-time nursing technician at Conestoga, instructs her students, Cathy Martin (left) and Martha Miller on how to find a pulse. (Photo by Jason Seeds)

laboratory time," said Gaspar. Clinical time, or practical experience, makes up about half the total hours of nursing study. It includes time in labs at Doon campus as well as realistic in-hospital hours.

"We can't cancel clinical time in hospitals or our labs because the time is too valuable." As well, she said, there is no new material in-

troduced at clinical sessions, so technicians fit in nicely to that atmosphere.

One of nursing's part-time technicians, Julie Maidment, said the chance to teach students part-time in a clinical setting is perfect for her. "Teaching part time allows me time to perform my full-time job, which is three young children."

As for the argument that part-time teachers don't give all their attention to the students, Maidment said her children do come first. "But when I am at Conestoga the students come first, and I haven't missed a day yet."

Maidment has taught clinical studies at Conestoga since September 1995.

Conestoga to offer part-time courses in gambling

By Peter Marval

In response to the growth of gambling in Ontario, Conestoga will introduce two part-time courses devoted to teaching the art of casino dealing starting this spring.

The two courses will cover how to deal and manage poker and blackjack tables.

"The casino industry is one of the largest growing industries in Ontario right now," said David

Stewart, the college's director of continuing education.

"The chances of getting a job in the casino industry in Ontario are very good at this particular point."

Stewart said to be of value to a casino, a person would have to know how to deal and manage a minimum of two tables.

The courses will follow one right after the other with blackjack, at 20 hours, being taught first. The poker course, at 60 hours, would start soon after the blackjack

course had finished.

Although not necessary, Stewart said taking the blackjack course first would be helpful.

Stewart said he estimated each course would be in the \$280-\$300 range.

"These are non-funded courses," said Stewart. "We didn't reduce it to a dollar value per hour training. It's just a flat fee."

The college will be combining their efforts with One Eyed Jacks, a Kitchener-based company that

trains and provides staff for charity casinos in the area.

One Eyed Jacks also provides the tables and equipment for charity casinos and will do the same for the two courses.

Paul Mitchell and Keith Beres, owners of One Eyed Jacks, will be the instructors of the two courses.

In an interview, Beres said he and his partner felt the need to develop a working relationship with the college to be able to offer more training to the students.

"We're expanding our horizons, searching for new clientele," he said.

Beres said students would have to write a written exam as well as pass a table test in order to receive a certificate good for anywhere in Ontario.

"They would just have to take a table test wherever they went for a job," he added.

Details of the times and days the courses will be offered are not yet available.

Easdale set to visit Czech Republic

By Jennifer Dougall

Bill Easdale, vice-president of business at Conestoga's Doon campus, will be visiting the Czech Republic for nine days beginning Oct. 10.

Easdale will be going to the republic at the request of Thomas Bata, president and founder of Bata Shoes Inc., a Czech businessman now living in Toronto.

Easdale will speak with educators at universities and technical universities as well as senior businessmen during three presentations in Prague and Zlin, Bata's birthplace.

The topic, translated from Czech to English is, "ways to hire productivity and perspectives on industry."

Easdale's association with Conestoga will be of particular interest to the Czechs, who have one of the best education systems in the world, but don't have a community college system of their own, Easdale said.

When Czech ambassador Stanislav Chylek visited the college last month, he and Easdale discussed the differences between Canadian post-secondary schools and how they compared to Czech universities.

Easdale will also discuss with the

Czechs how to build a world-class competitive market for the 21st century which, he explained, involves cost savings, eliminating waste and the selecting and motivating of personnel.

The Czech Republic, a small landlocked country in central Europe, shares its borders with Germany to the east, Poland to the northwest, the Slovak Republic to the southwest and Austria to the south.

Until 1993, the Czech and Slovak republics were part of Czechoslovakia and under Communist control.

Easdale said motivating the Czech workers to take initiative will be difficult for the republic, since the country has only recently become democratic after 45 years of Soviet rule.

Easdale said Czechs are used to taking orders from their governments and are unfamiliar with taking business risks.

The Czech Republic was the leading manufacturing country in Europe during the years of communism, Easdale said.

"They know what they're doing technically," he said.

Still, he is expecting to see over-staffed manufacturing plants in the republic.

Easdale said it would be fair to judge, from manufacturing in the Czech Republic, what industrial level the rest of eastern Europe is on.

Easdale is particularly interested in how far the Czech Republic has come since capitalization.

He would like to see what a post-communist country looks like.

Easdale was introduced to Bata by Czech-born Tony Martinek, a former dean of engineering at Conestoga. He was chosen to go to the republic because Bata wanted someone who could talk to academics as well as business people.

Easdale has been the spokesman for a number of companies over his career and has developed a good diplomatic relationship with many countries, he said.

He was vice-president and spokesman for deHavilland/Boeing Aircraft until 1986 when he left for Cambridge Toyota.

Easdale worked for Toyota where he was the senior vice-president in Canada and corporate spokesman until 1995, after which he came to Conestoga.



Bill Easdale

DSA loses money

No sales, Jays trip cancelled

By Scott Nixon

After no tickets were sold, a Doon Student Association-planned bus trip to a Toronto Blue Jays game on Sept. 27 was cancelled.

Becky Boertien, DSA director of student life, said the cancelled trip cost the DSA about \$1,000.

She said the event was well-promoted and students were aware of it, they just showed no interest.

Boertien said the Jays poor record was one reason for the lack of interest.

She also blamed the baseball strike of 1994.

"I think ever since the strike occurred a couple of years ago, we've had trouble selling our

tickets and I think people just kind of lost interest in baseball and the Blue Jays."

The tickets purchased by the DSA for the trip were given away as prizes.

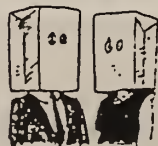
This way, Boertien said, the Jays tickets were still used, but students had to provide their own transportation.

This is not the first year the DSA has lost money on a planned Blue Jays trip. Boertien said the DSA also lost money last year.

"There's a 99.9 per cent chance we won't do it next year," she said.

The only way the DSA would plan another Blue Jays trip, Boertien said, is if the Jays are in a pennant race.

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Lakehead offers credit transfers

By Bruce Manion

Students can get transfer credits on a number of degree programs at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. That was the message Oct. 4 in a presentation by the university's liaison officer.

Colleen Maclean said college graduates of certain programs could get up to two years advanced standing in a university degree program, provided the students meet the criteria.

The presentation started with a video in the library seminar room for about 50 students in the business administration, nursing and social worker programs. It was repeated later for about 20 engineering technology students.

For these programs, Maclean said, Lakehead offers up to two years advanced standing, which could mean a student could get a degree in one year.

Business administration students with a three-year diploma and a B+ average, can achieve a bach-

elor of administration in one year, while an honors bachelor of commerce can be earned in two years.

Students with registered nursing certification can obtain a nursing degree in two years at Lakehead.

For students with either a civil, electrical, construction or mechanical engineering technology diploma and a B average, a bachelor of engineering can be obtained in two years.

However, engineering graduates must take a preparatory summer course before being admitted into the engineering program starting in September.

Lakehead used to be a technical institute when it was built in the 1940s, said Maclean. "Lakehead only offered diploma programs before becoming a university in 1965, and because of that, it maintains a strong commitment to diploma programs."

Lakehead also offers college transfers a maximum \$1,000 scholarship from a fund of \$10,000 a year, she said. Scholar-

ship entitlement is based mostly on marks but also on extracurricular activities.

Maclean said some of the advantages of choosing Lakehead were a friendly environment, a close-knit community of only 7,000 students, a beautiful campus with a man-made lake and waterfall, and a competitive tuition rate ranging from \$2,935 to \$3,340 a year.

"Thunder Bay is big enough to have everything you need, but small enough to make you feel like you're in a small community. You don't feel like you're isolated," Maclean said.

However, she pointed out students would have to get used to the colder temperatures. "It snowed only a few days ago."

For more information about the programs offered at Lakehead, Maclean suggested students visit the student services office.

The new transfer guides have not yet been published, she said, but will be mailed to the college within a month.



NET FINANCING — Carol Walsh, financial aid officer, shows Mary Brueckner, financial aid clerk, a file on the Internet in the financial aid office Sept. 30.

(Photo by Linda Reilly)

Financial aid office goes on the Internet

By Linda Reilly

Training has now been completed and Conestoga is on line with the Ministry of Education and Training, said the financial aid officer at Doon campus.

Carol Walsh said the training was thorough. Three people were trained on IBM Image Plus Windows program for institution on-line access.

"Being on line will make service for the students much faster, but there will be an increase in the workload for the financial aid office."

Walsh said in the past, applications were sent to the ministry and scanned, and the college was not aware if the application had been received or not. Now the application can be pulled up on screen to verify receipt.

Before the campus went on line, any change request made to the ministry was scanned and a response would take four to six weeks.

The office can now make entries directly on line.

The turn-around time is a week to 10 days, depending on when the document is processed.

Before going on line, something as simple as a change of address became complicated because the college had no access to the original document once it was sent to the ministry.

Now, with the college on line, a record of all documents filed can be pulled up on the computer screen. The office can automatically tell if a signature is missing, which is a common error.

Instead of having to contact the student to try to discover how the document was filled out, the office can automatically pull it up and make the necessary corrections.

Until the end of September, errors in forms were still sitting at the ministry after being received in July.

When an error in a form is made, it goes into a queue — an error list by student name and social insurance number. Walsh said over 100 errors have been queued since going on line.

"We are in the process of correcting them now. Being on line is going to be wonderful once we familiarize ourselves with it."

There is a direct line to the ministry that provides help for any problems we encounter, she added.

Picture this



Second-year broadcasting students practise filming the Oktoberfest parade. From left are Tammy Love, Jason Harnett, Jim Austin, Sarah Ketchell and Henry Haderlein.

(Photo by Trish Jackson)

Career day a help to students for finding future jobs

By Linda Reilly

Final figures won't be available for a couple of weeks, but close to 2,000 students visited the University/College Career Fair held Oct. 2 at Bingeman Park.

Mary Wright, the college's manager of student employment services, co-op education and alumni affairs, estimated at least as many students as last year attended.

She said there were 133 employers at the fair this year, a 40 per cent increase over last year.

"It's the biggest job fair in Canada."

Wright said for an employer to have a booth, they did not have to be hiring immediately, but could get a jump start for when the students graduate.

Employers have to have a position available within six months of attending the job fair.

Wright said participating schools were Conestoga, University of Guelph, University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University.

The fair was laid out in two rooms so there was minimal congestion.

Students could move through the booths easily, she said.

The fair was geared towards business and engineering, with a strong emphasis on computer technology.

There was an abundance of computer companies at the fair which were looking for everything from systems analysts to software developers.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce representative, Ken MacNeill, said there were lots of jobs with the bank in the computer field.

Prospective employees did not necessarily have to be specialized but they must be diverse, he said.

Waterloo Maple Inc., based in Waterloo, indicated their company is hiring 13 people this year.

Sue Joordens, manager of corporation finance at Waterloo Maple Inc., said the company started in 1988 with two people.

The company now has 65 employees and will be hiring. They are looking for technical support analysts, Windows developers, a product manager and an applications engineer.

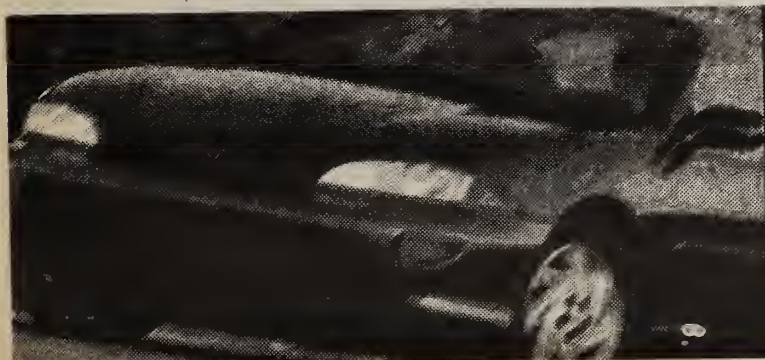
Mike Reid of the Bank of Nova Scotia said the bank is looking for employees for their administration program, personal banker program and commercial program.

Five police forces were there — the RCMP, Waterloo Region, Hamilton-Wentworth, Peel and the OPP.

RCMP Const. Mona Eichmann of the Kitchener detachment said three of the 26 officers in her area are female.

Eichmann, who has been on the force 9 1/2 years, said when officers sign on, they agree to move anywhere, but there is good opportunity for advancement within the force.

The economy must be getting better, Wright said. There were more giveaways this year, and that doesn't happen in a recession.



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Snobelen is the man for the job

By Peggy Sue Ironside

Since his appointment, the provincial minister of education has been scorned for being a high school dropout and for being in charge of an area for which he has no credentials.

But John Snobelen has also been hailed by many as the one person who can implement the changes required to move Ontario's education system into the information age.

Donna Cansfield, president of the Ontario Public School Boards Association, has said she found the minister to be quick, frank and candid.

"It's already clear that, unlike other ministers of education, this one doesn't care a lot about toes," she said. "I think that's important, given the state we're in."

Snobelen has taken control of the school system at a time when it's the subject of profound change. The pressure to improve its performance has come at a time of unprecedented financial constraint.

In 1995, a royal commission recommended sweeping education reforms that included: community councils at every school, a powerful teachers' college to train, re-certify and discipline teachers; more standard testing and a common report card and the elimination of Grade 13.

"We want a system that's more accountable, we want a system that's more affordable, and we want a higher quality system, and we'll get one," said Snobelen.

Since his surprise cabinet appointment in June 1995 — immediately after being elected an MPP for the first time — Snobelen has become a high-profile, budget-cutting common-sense minister.

During his inaugural speech, Snobelen said, "Ontario's school system must become a cost-effective service organization responsive to the needs of its clients and customers."

His direct, business-like approach is evident in his plan to re-design the entire educational system as a service organization that gives the customers (parents) a better service for their tax dollar.

"In order for any organization to be successful it needs to do several things: find out what's needed and wanted by the customer and clients. And then figure out what it can afford to deliver, and deliver it the best way it can," Snobelen said.

Learning is lifelong, has been the minister's favorite phrase, and his swift answer to critics.

Roberto Alomar draws wrath of media

If you believe what the media say, Roberto Alomar is the definition of evil. He is the personification of what is wrong with professional sports and society as a whole and his name will live on in infamy.

At least for the next week or so.

It's amazing how quickly the media has jumped onto the "we hate Robbie Alomar" bandwagon.

Sportscasters who formerly had supported Alomar as one of the greatest players in the game, now spend their time trying to perfect his accent so they can make fun of his McCain commercials.

One of the finest examples came from Jim Kernaghan, a sports columnist with the London Free Press. He wrote "He is a



Bryce Wilson

self-absorbed lout, with no clear idea of the pain he has caused an individual and his family and baseball generally. Or wouldn't care if he did.

"All that matters to guys like Alomar are their own statistics."

Three years ago Alomar could do no wrong. The same columnists were singing another tune and couldn't compliment him enough.

Today, they're saying they always knew he was a problem.

You can't really blame the newscasters and sportswriters, though. When a story comes along this easy to write and talk about, it makes their jobs a lot easier.

In fact, the Monday after the incident (which we'll call the spittle affair) was the first time in about six months I drove all the way to school without hearing an Alanis Morissette song on the radio.

Although I do not condone Alomar's ac-

tions, he certainly isn't the only problem in professional sports and merely acts as an example of what is wrong with society in general.

Professional athletes do not live, play or work by standard rules.

I have my suspicions they come from other planets and shuttle in just for games.

When they're here on earth, blessing us with their presence, they aren't confined by the simplistic laws meant for mere mortals like you and me.

Baseball has only proved once again why it's America's favorite pastime.

It is a microcosm of North American society as a whole, where those with the fame and the money get to spit on whomever they please.

I don't understand why everyone's making such a big deal. Professional athletes have been spitting on fans for years.

What to do when criticized by others

Have you ever noticed what happens to people when they are put down and told things about themselves in a nasty or unfair way? They tend to tune out because it hurts too much.

Most of us can screen out criticism and can ignore it, but sometimes criticism touches us where we feel really sensitive — career, love, looks, whatever — and that criticism really hurts.

Everyone is entitled to her or his opinion, but it is up to us to decide which opinions we choose to care about.

We need to learn to question our critics and not to accept one, single, negative opinion as final.

When we ask "who says?" we filter out critics who have no credibility and perhaps gain the expertise of those we feel



Linda Reilly

deserve some attention.

Praise is obviously more welcome than criticism although some criticism may be helpful. It's important to focus on exactly what was said, and not on what emotions those words touched off in us.

If you must criticize, do it in a positive way so the other party will actually listen and consider your suggestion.

There are innumerable ways of voicing criticism properly, but just as important as the words you use is the message behind them.

We all remember the times when we were told something for "our own good," but the sole purpose was to hurt.

Something valuable can come from such pain. We can learn not to behave so thoughtlessly ourselves.

There are three ways to respond to criticism: First, we can reject it and — if accepting the criticism in no way improves our life — forget it.

Second, there is some criticism we have to accept because we feel we have

no choice. That criticism comes from our superiors.

Criticism is always hard to take but in this instance, it is wise to make the most of it because, after all, part of our job is meeting our superior's needs.

If someone is breathing fire in our face, we can be sure our temperature will rise. We have to avoid acting with anger because if we do, we have lost the opportunity to come away with something positive.

Instead, look for the truth in what is said.

Third, think about how we can use it. Criticism can help improve our performance.

If we learn we lack certain needed skills, we have an opportunity to do something about it.

Listening to criticism is never a mistake. The mistake is in believing all criticism or rejecting all criticism without stopping to think where it is coming from.

Cleaners do the job, says union leader

Letter to the Editor

I feel compelled to respond to the comments in the September 30 edition of Spoke with respect to the cleanliness, or the uncleanness of our college as the article claims.

The staff hired to clean the college are not college employees. They are employees of Double M&M Cleaning Inc., based in London, Ont. The college contracts this company to clean all campus locations. The employees are members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Local #238. I am president of the union local which represents these workers. They are paid \$7.18 an hour.

The college has faced many government funding cuts, and as a result has re-

quested from Double M&M Inc. that the college not be cleaned as often. In certain locations of the college, every Tuesday night there is no cleaning done. In my office, the garbage is not emptied, and the carpet not vacuumed. I understand why these decisions were made. The employees of this company don't like to leave offices unclean, but they don't make the decisions regarding this issue. The cleaners of our college are hard-working people.

I challenge your statements about the unkempt appearance of our college. There are many people who visit our college from other colleges in the province. I am proud to say that one of the first things they notice is how "clean" our college is. As one who has "visited

around the system" these statements are true: our college is very clean.

As well as serving as local president representing these workers, I am also a parent. I find it repulsive to think that an adult attending college would "drop a hairball" on the floor and leave it there for someone else to clean up. When you talk about cleanliness, you should focus your attention on the cafeteria, where the students hang out. One only has to look, any time of the day, to see the disgusting mess our students leave after pouring some ketchup or stirring their coffee or tea, or better still, missing the refuse container when trying to play basketball with their garbage!

Ann Wallace
 president, OPSEU Local 238

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COMMENTARY

Can you sue your husband for false advertising?

Recently, fellow Spoke columnist Ross McDermott wrote about the effects of engagement rings on women.

While engagement may not affect men as profoundly as women, there is definitely something to be said about the change that overtakes men once they have "gone all the way." I'm talking about becoming husband and wife.

Be warned Mrs. McDermott-to-be.

Can you sue your husband for false advertising?

Eight years ago I met a clean-shaven man who enjoyed dancing, and didn't use his



Trish Jackson

mother's home as a garage.

This same person has become a stubbly-faced, greasy-clothed man who cries, "But it's the weekend!"

Shaving is apparently reserved for his weekday co-workers.

Dancing, by his standards, is something of a necessary evil that only single men must endure.

Even though we met in a dance club — and actually danced — that feat has only been accomplished once in two years of marriage. Decorating, in my married life, has taken a whole new turn.

I provided the southwestern theme, he incorporated the popular mechanics angle. How could I have expected a dismembered snowmobile in the kitchen or grimy mountain bike parts in the living room?

I'll give him marks for consistency though. He carried his motif onto the front lawn where a car engine (draped in purple vinyl) sat for a whole year. The backyard is even worse, inspiring me to nickname him "Sanford and Son."

I have learned to live with his wanna-be mechanic side, but I have a real problem with his wedding-day development of selective hearing, vision and memory.

Am I to believe he actually does not see the dust? Or that he truly thinks the iron is stored in the china cabinet? Or that he didn't know about my mother's uncle's retirement party?

My complaints are usually met with one of three answers: I didn't hear you, it looks fine to me, or I forgot.

I am sure he must have experienced gro-

cery shopping at some point in his life, yet shopping has become one of those chores that is simply easier done myself (or maybe this is a sly trick he uses to get out of it).

He genuinely seems to have no idea of what to buy, other than pop, peanuts and cookies, and two bags of milk for good measure.

In the early stages, it was romantic to cuddle in a single bed. Now, we're contemplating queen size.

Being squeezed to the edge of the bed and playing tug-of-war with the blankets and pillows all night has really lost its charm.

Naturally every couple is different, but I am willing to bet that most couples encounter new behaviors from their spouses that they never expected in their pre-nuptial days.

People must take responsibility

Priscilla de Villiers spoke recently to Conestoga students about the murder of her daughter Nina and the general increase of violence in our society.

Of the many points she made, what struck me was that if custom officials had acted as they should, Nina would still be alive.

The man who killed Nina tried to cross the border into the United States, but was turned back because he had an illegal handgun on him and was recently released from prison.

So only days after being let out of jail, here is a man bouncing around inside Canada with no place to go, an overwhelming desire to kill, and an unknowing and defenceless public waiting to be pounced on.

The most painful and shameful fact is not that it happened once, but that it will happen again. Nina's death was not the first.

Somebody, or some people, are NOT doing their job, and we, as Canadians, accept that.

To fire or replace an unproductive public employee is unheard of.

A list of errors made by numerous police departments and special investigators



Jason Seeds

in hunting Paul Bernardo could fill a book.

These are serious problems that will happen again because nobody in public life wants to change anything, nobody in public life has any drive at all.

The axe will never fall.

Nobody at customs lost their job because they let Nina's killer go, and nobody in corrections lost their job for letting him out in the first place.

Of course, this incident is only an example of a much larger problem.

This trend is endemic to the rest of Canada.

The teacher who has no desire to teach will never be fired, the public accountants who can't balance the books and don't know what the problem is — except to say we overspend — will continue serving as our accountants.

Fault is a very tricky subject.

Perhaps as humans we have decided blame is an ugly insult and should never be cast upon anybody, lest it falls on us.

The customs official is not supposed to contact the police if approached by a criminal with a gun; police departments are supposed to compete with each other for information and never share anything!

And this is where the problem lies. Those who do not wise up and fix the system that needs fixing should finally be fired.

Time to get a new attitude towards life . . . maybe

An unknown driver is speeding along at 120 kilometres per hour. The driver suddenly opens the door and tosses me out the door.

I stand up unscathed and walk in the other direction surprised at my calm temperament after being so rudely disposed of.

A smile rides high and hard on my face. Clear thoughts are flooding my head like a levy just broke and there isn't a sandbag in sight.

What the hell happened? Am I all right?

That's how I was awakened this morning. Focused and clear headed, with an aggression for massive change.

A total 180 degree turn.

I am going to get some things done, some things started.

No more just getting by, I am going to clear my name and attach some credentials to it.

I am going to show everyone where I have been and that I can get some things accomplished in the face of great adversity.

Today is the day, ordinary to everyone but me. I can smell a difference.



Jason Romanko

A smell so dominant my nose burns with irritation, an irritation so bad my eyes start to water.

It hurts, but it is a good hurt.

A real "thanks for the kick in the ass" kind of hurt. I'm taking names and knocking heads!

There will be no more sorry, that's okay, maybe some other time.

From now on it's screw you and screw that. P—s on you, I can do better and I will do better.

Get out of my way because I'm coming through right to the top of the heap.

The cherry on the ice cream! First in line! Number eight in the program and number one in your hearts.

I'm going to walk that extra mile. First one in, last one out.

Taking care of business baby is my new motto — words I swear to live by!

Then a voice is ringing through me like I was sitting in a church bell. "It's a cold one out there today, expect extremely harsh conditions folks. That's the weather to 7 a.m.," the weather man pleasantly announces.

Confused and drained by the sudden news, I roll over, hug some sheets and put that unfortunate outburst of energy back to bed.

With one final thought — maybe tomorrow.

Students say sporting events are poorly promoted

By Rick Kew

In an editorial that appeared in this paper on Sept. 23, the writer commented on the efforts of the Doon Student Association to improve Conestoga school spirit.

The writer suggested the DSA should promote sporting events to improve abysmal attendance at sporting events, saying the turnout was one of Conestoga's most pitiful examples of school spirit.

Indeed, students at various locations in the hallways of the Doon campus did have promotion on their minds.

The question, "What would it take to get you out to a Conestoga College sporting event?" elicited this response from the majority of students polled: Let us know when the games will be held.

Of the 14 students responding to the question, 10 said they might attend if they knew when events were being held, two of the 12 said they would only attend games if friends were going and two people said they would not attend under any circumstances.

Chris Taylor, a second-year computer programmer-analyst student, said, "I really



Chris Taylor



Sarah Ketchell



Amy McIntyre



Randy Bossence



John Macrae



Tammy Love

don't know when they (games) happen. I might go if I knew. There should be more promotion. The school plays the radio throughout the cafeteria; maybe the games should be advertised on the radio. Maybe they should have some cheerleaders."

Sarah Ketchell, a second-year broadcasting student, agreed there is a lack of promotion. She said when she worked at the Condor Roost last year, she was aware of the games. But this year, she doesn't even know when the games are to be played.

Ketchell said, "They have to make it more of a social event, they should have something going on between periods of a hockey

game to get more people interested in going."

Second-year practical nursing student Amy McIntyre said, "Sports are something I'm not interested in, but if it was more of a social time and my friends were going then I would go as well."

Randy Bossence, a first-year construction engineering student, said sports promotions are out of date. He was thinking of going to a hockey game, but when he looked at one of the bulletin boards, the only flyer posted was for a soccer game that had taken place, three days before.

Bossence said, "It's likely the only people

who know when the games occur are the players and their friends."

John Macrae, in the first semester of the environmental engineering technology program, agreed there should be more promotion. He said that right now he doesn't have much interest in watching sports, but if he knew when the hockey games were scheduled and the team was doing well, he would go.

Second-year broadcasting student Tammy Love said something should be going on in conjunction with the sporting event, either before or after the game, to make it more of an event for students.

STUDENT LIFE

Current Mexican clashes stir painful memories

LASA student witnessed massacre of Mexicans by soldiers and police during 1968 protest rally

By Ross McDermott

In his study, that's where he sat.

It is not the typical room one would associate with a college student. This room is hardwood everywhere. Even the bookcase that runs the length of the wall is a caramel, hardwood color.

On top of the bookcase, silently watching, are various ornaments: a porcelain senorita in a flowing dress, a matador embraced in a bitter struggle with a bull.

It's not an average college room, but then again, Ricardo Enriquez, a second-year law and security student, is not an average college student.

He was born Dec. 7, 1944 in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. In 1968 he fled his country, afraid for his life and tired of living in a corrupt society.

"When I saw all the poverty, the dirty politics, the violence against the people, I wanted no part of it."

With the recent attacks on Mexican cities by a guerrilla faction known as the PRN, and the apparent negotiations for peace between the enigmatic rebel leader Subcomandante Marcos and the ruling government, the Institutional Revolutionary Party, Enriquez said that nothing has changed since he fled his country.

"Presidents in Mexico are like bloody kings that reign for five years. The people are still being controlled by the aristocracy, which is controlled by the Americans."

Enriquez says that American dollars are lining the pockets of the Mexican leaders in exchange for the exploitation of the people through cheap labor.

He explains that the North American Free Trade Agreement destroyed the Mexican economy because smaller companies in Mexico can't compete with big U.S. firms.

This, said Enriquez, creates massive unemployment which causes the people to rebel and the crime rate to increase.

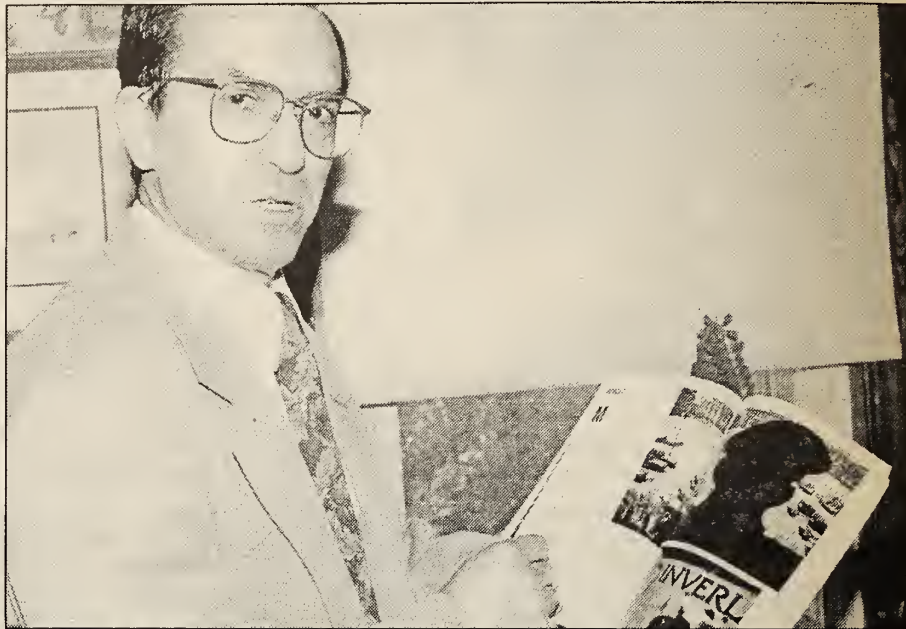
"The crime rate in Mexico is tremendous but it is not crimes inspired by greed, but crimes committed out of the need for survival. People have to feed their families."

He said the situation in Mexico is the same as it was when he left in 1968, following a huge protest rally in Mexico City. "The people are still protesting, and the riot police still come, but generally, their protests are ignored."

In 1968, while attending a protest rally in Mexico City, Enriquez witnessed what he calls a massacre. The people had gathered to protest against the government which was, at that time, headed by President Gustavo Dias Ardos. The city was surrounded by soldiers and police, said Enriquez. Gunfire erupted.

"No one knows who the hell started it (shooting) — the CIA, the judicial police — we just don't know." He said he saw soldiers dumping bodies into trucks and those bodies were never accounted for.

You were a liar if you claimed to have seen



TROUBLING MEMORIES — Ricardo Enriquez, second-year LASA student, points out a magazine article in an issue of National Geographic that discusses the state of affairs in Mexico.

(Photo by Ross McDermott)

the massacre, said Enriquez. "The government claimed it never happened. If you were a witness, you were dead."

Today Enriquez says the biggest problem is the unemployment. There are no social nets for those without work. "If you're over 50-years-old you don't work."

He said age discrimination is a major problem and there is no human rights com-

mission. "The only human rights commission in Mexico is a .45 pistol at your side."

Enriquez says a revolution will not solve Mexico's problems.

"Every time you have a revolution, the same bastards get back into power. The only way things will change is by educating the Mexican people and by installing an honest government."

Students at residence donate to Thanksgiving food drive

By Sara Maxim

Thanksgiving has just passed and for most people this meant a weekend full of turkey dinners and pumpkin pie. However, for some there wasn't a turkey to dine on.

Indeed, for some there wasn't even a meal of any kind.

For this reason, the students of Rodeway Suites worked together to donate food to the Food Bank of Waterloo Region.

"There is always the need," said Alison Campbell, co-president of Rodeway Suites' residence

council. "There are always hungry people."

Students living in residence were encouraged by the council to donate non-perishable food items.

The council also accepted monetary donations. Baby food is greatly needed by the food bank and Campbell hopes to collect enough money to buy some baby food products to donate.

The food drive began Sept. 30 and was scheduled to end Oct. 10.

Representatives from the food bank were scheduled to pick up all the donated food Oct. 11,

said Campbell.

Members of the residence council planned to go to each room to collect food from the students on Oct. 3 and Oct. 10.

As well, students could donate food or money at any time during

the drive at the front desk.

"If we go door-to-door it will be easier to persuade the students to give," said Sheena McColl, co-president of the council.

This is the second year the students living in residence have held

a food drive. Last year the drive was organized by the building's floor representatives because there wasn't an official council, Campbell said.

"It's not a hard thing to get together and organize," she said.

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STUDENT LIFE

Lack of program funding shrinks Cambridge campus

By Wendy Cummins

The Cambridge campus has been cut in half due to financial reasons identified earlier this year, said Bob McIver, the college's chairman of access and preparatory studies.

The campus moved to a smaller office at the same location in May, following a decision made during the January to March financial planning period, he said.

"It is the size now that it was six or seven years ago," McIver said. "There was no sense keeping the space if we didn't have programs to fill it."

McIver said the level of activity was lower at the Cambridge campus and because of that the

"The kinds of programs we are running don't require full-fledged campuses."

*Bob McIver
chairman of access and
preparatory studies*

campus's part-time clerical section has also gone.

Futures, one of the Cambridge campus's main programs moved

from downtown Galt to the Cambridge Youth Services building, but is still run by the Cambridge campus.

"The kinds of programs we are running don't require full-fledged campuses," said McIver.

"The Cambridge campus has always been a place where we respond to government funding for short-term programs."

From one perspective, the move has made it easier to manage, McIver said. "I don't think it has changed it from an efficiency perspective. It is an improvement."

McIver said he thinks this move signifies a commitment from the college to run programs needed by

the community. "It allows us to be responsive. We're not paying rent on empty space."

McIver said the college has always offered courses in different places including churches or offices.

A lot of the programs are community based, he said.

"The changes are really due to changes in the funding for programs."

If funding comes in for other

programs, we'll find a place to put them."

He said the move reduced the amount of space in programs that are still running at the campus.

"We're trying to be conscious of the effects on the community. We do the best we can to meet the mandates in different communities," McIver said. "We're going in the right direction."

The Cambridge campus has moved three times in the past.

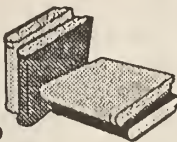
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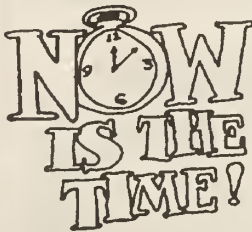
Brian Maltby, a second-year graphic design and advertising student, works on redesigning a title-page for the college's Independent Studies book.

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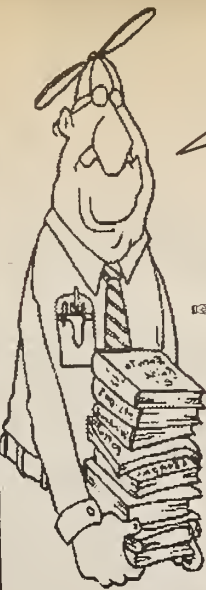
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STUDENT LIFE

DSA events draw attention to seriousness of AIDS and HIV

By Diana Loveless

Events organized around AIDS Awareness Week at Doon campus were designed to be amusing to draw attention to the seriousness of the disease, says the Doon Student Association vice-president of student affairs.

"With the condom hunt and Safe Hat Day, I just wanted to have fun with it ... I think it did draw quite a bit of attention," Bev Cutone said in an interview Oct. 4.

In addition to the events Cutone organized for the week, she also set up information tables in the Sanctuary and the cafeteria with brochures on proper condom use, safe sex, HIV and AIDS.

The condom hunt began Oct. 4 and Cutone presented a prize, such as a DSA T-shirt, mug or key-chain, daily to the student who found the most condoms. Condoms were stuck to posters and signs and hidden in various spots around campus.

"We had somebody who turned in 63 condoms," she said. "The first day, cleaning staff collected quite a few too, but that was by accident."

On the first day of the hunt, she said, she gave a prize to a student who came into the DSA office with only one condom because she was the only person who turned any in.

"The first day was interesting because I could not believe how the condoms were disappearing from the signs," Cutone said. "People were scooping them up faster than I could put them up on the posters."

On Oct. 3 in the Sanctuary, Cutone organized Safe Hat Day which involved students joining her on stage and blowing condoms up on their heads.

Although she was a bit worried about negative feedback, she said, she had not received any complaints to date.

"If you think about it, you're putting a condom on your head," Cutone said.

"You have to be really sensitive to how people will perceive things."

Since the beginning of the semester, free condoms have been available to all students in the DSA office. Cutone said the condom jar has to be replenished almost every day.

The DSA purchases its condoms directly from a condom manufacturer at a cost of about 10 cents each, Cutone said. The DSA also supplies free condoms for distribution at the health and safety office.

Condoms used in the hunt were marked with the DSA logo and had different packaging so they wouldn't get mixed up with the condoms available in the DSA office.

Cutone said condoms used in the hunt would not be recirculated in case they had been tampered with.

"One thing I found out that was really interesting this week was that sometimes people will wear two condoms to make themselves safer," she said.

This practice, also called double-bagging, is generally not considered to be unsafe, Mark Roberts, HIV clinic nurse at the Waterloo Region Community Health Department, said in a telephone interview.

Figures compiled by the Ontario Ministry of Health up to Sept. 27, show that since 1986, when they started to collect statistics on acquired immune deficiency syndrome, 5,671 cases of full-blown AIDS have been diagnosed — of those, 4,730 have died.

The total number of cases in the 20 - 29 age group is 1,011 — of those, 936 are male and 75 are female.

Figures on the number of people in this age category who have died from the disease are unavailable at this time.

The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), believed to cause AIDS, is passed directly from one person to another via blood, semen or vaginal fluids, most commonly through sexual contact or needle sharing.



UNIQUE HEADWEAR — Bev Cutone, Doon Student Association vice-president of student affairs, blows up a condom during Safe Hat Day. (Photo by Jennifer Dougall)

Students wear condoms as hats to promote safe sex awareness

By Jennifer Dougall

The DSA's vice-president of student affairs, along with seven volunteers, relayed an important message about safe sex to a crowded Sanctuary on Oct. 3.

Bev Cutone showed students that safer sex with condoms can be fun by placing one over her head and blowing it up like a balloon.

The Safe Hat Day, a 10-minute event that preceded the nooner Thursday, was designed to go along with AIDS Awareness Week, Sept. 30 to Oct. 4.

A condom hunt was also scheduled for the week's events.

Cutone said she wanted to get the students "playing with condoms" so they would feel more comfortable with them in the future.

The group of volunteers was

chosen before the event, but Cutone said if anyone wanted to volunteer to put condoms over their heads when the first group was finished, they could.

No one came forward.

"I highly recommend blowing your nose before attempting this trick," Cutone told her volunteers after taking the condom off of her head.

Of the original seven, some were not volunteers. "Some are being forced," Cutone said.

Forced or not, Elizabeth Lopo, Tanya Adao, Chris Kroeker, Carrie Bergen, Kevin Allen, Ryan Camp and Brad Corner all followed Cutone onto the stage, put the condoms over their heads and blew them up.

The volunteers were rewarded with laughter and prizes, which included T-shirts, mugs and key-chains.

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STUDENT LIFE

Materials management student wins \$1,000 scholarship

By Sean S. Finlay

A third-year materials management student at Conestoga was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship and plaque on Sept. 27 by the Purchasing Management Association of Canada.

Mark Schnittke, 22, received the award for having the highest overall mark in the principals of buying course that he took in his second year.

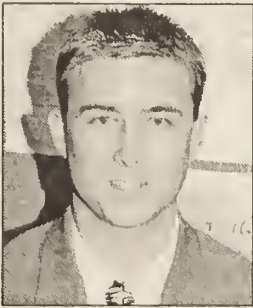
The scholarship decision is made by the management association's central Ontario district, based on

the student's mark on the last exam in the course.

The student must be a member of the purchasing management association to qualify for the award.

Paul Knight, co-ordinator of the materials management program, marks the first of the two exams and the management association district marks the final.

This year there was a bit of com-



Mark Schnittke

petition for the award.

Schnittke said the decision came down to a tie between himself and a fellow third-year business student.

In the event of a tie, the co-ordinator of the program acts as the tie breaker.

The decision was made based on the average of the first exam and the final exam for each of the two students.

The crunch came with a difference of two per cent between the two student's test marks.

Schnittke won with an 82 per cent average.

Schnittke said he wanted the other student's name to remain anonymous since he thought he wouldn't have wanted his own name used if he lost, and because they are friends.

The honor of winning the scholarship, Schnittke said, was the recognition.

He said one of the main reasons for the management association

having the scholarship award is as an incentive for students to join the group.

Schnittke is a full-time student and has worked for the past seven months at McNeil Consumer Products in Guelph as a purchasing assistant.

He said he plans to use the scholarship money to pay off school debts.

The three-year materials management course is designed to teach students about production and inventory control, purchasing and logistics.

Biz Bash attracts full house at Stages

By Sean S. Finlay

Conestoga students and guests rocked Stages Nightclub in Kitchener on Oct. 3 for the first biz bash of the year.

Representatives of the Conestoga Business Students Association said the turnout was the best ever.

The bash raised about \$5,500, exceeding the expected \$3,600.

The bashes are put on each year by the Conestoga Business Students Association to raise funds for business students.

Last year's income, along with other fund-raising events, raised nearly \$50,000 — with some of the money going toward computer equipment for student use.

Tickets for this year's bash were \$6 in advance and \$8 at the

door. Over half of the tickets were pre-sold.

Stages, which was filled to capacity, put on its usual light show and indoor-fireworks display to dazzle party goers.

A disc jockey, provided by Stages, was on hand playing everything from dance music to classic rock, to keep the entertainment in tune.

Throughout the night, the DJ announced contests that offered prizes of gift certificates to the Howl at the Moon Saloon, an adjacent restaurant.

The winner of the contests simply had to be the first one to the DJ booth to correctly answer a question that was announced over the system.

The next bash has yet to be announced.

Mere mortar



Pete Schlei, maintenance handyman at the recreation centre, repairs the bricks on the recreation centre wall near the main entrance.

(Photo by Bryce Wilson)

Employee wins trip to Florida at Octoberfest

By Eric Whitfield

Cameron Mackay, a graphic designer with Conestoga's communications and public relations department, was the winner of a trip to Florida raffled off during the school's Octoberfest event Sept. 27.

All college employees were eligible to win the trip when they purchased a ticket.

Mackay, who designs promotional material, has been em-

ployed by Conestoga for 5 1/2 years. For the past three or four years he has driven to Florida with his wife Lisa to visit his grandparents, he said.

With seven-week-old baby Mara, the trip would have taken an extra day by car, he said, but now they can just fly there.

This is the first time he has won anything like this.

He plans to catch some of that warm Florida sun and play lots of golf, he said.

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STUDENT LIFE



AWARD WINNER — Chris Geran, a second-year woodworking technology student, displays the Bosch Canada-Toolex award he received at the woodworking awards banquet Oct. 5.

(Photo by Peggy Sue Ironside)

Awards night
Woodworking centre honors its best

By Peggy Sue Ironside

Fourteen awards were presented to students and graduates at the Woodworking Centre of Ontario's annual awards banquet Oct. 5.

The Woodworking Centre of Ontario Faculty Award and \$100 went to Steve Huizinga, a technology graduate.

The award goes to the student who has best promoted the wood-working technician and technology programs.

Huizinga also received a second award, the Delta Porter Cable-Toolex Machinery Award, which is given to a third-year student who produces the most useable production documentation package with a variety of computer software programs.

Chris Geren, a second-year technology student and the master of ceremonies for the evening, was presented the Bosch Canada-Toolex Machinery Award.

The award is presented to a second- or third-year student in either program with the best shop project on the basis of design and craftsmanship.

The S.C. Johnson & Son Award and a cheque for \$500 went to Steve Bader, a second-year technology student.

The Johnson award is given to a second-year student who achieves the highest academic standing in first-year finishing-theory courses.

The Bob Hoffman Memorial Award was given to Michael

Blondin, a technician graduate, along with a cheque for \$200.

Hoffman was a wood-machining instructor with the Conestoga woodworking technician program from 1968 to 1975. This award is given to a second-year student who demonstrates the highest level of proficiency in the second-year practical wood-machining course.

Sultan Choker, a technician graduate, was presented the Royce Carbide Safety Award and \$250.

This award is given to the student who designed and machined the best guard for a shop machine in a program-wide competition open to all students

The A. Grant Glennie Award for \$250 was presented to Alex Colic, a second-year technology student.

This award is in recognition of service to the Ontario furniture industry and tireless devotion to the woodworking programs at Conestoga.

It is given to the second-year student with the highest academic achievement in shop management and product design courses.

Jeff Keegan, a second-year technology student, was awarded the John Roffey Memorial Award.

The Gibbard Furniture Shop of Napanee sponsors this annual award in memory of John Roffey, a former woodworking student.

The award recognizes a graduating student who displays self-confidence, dedication, humor, friendliness and commitment to excellence.

The Julius Blum Award for Excellence in Woodworking and \$200 (\$100 for second place) was presented to Richard Bell and runner-up Reginald Ellis, both second-year technology students.

The award is for two first-year students who have best customized the interior of a tool box to a design they have submitted.

The Architectural Millworkers of Ontario (AMO) Award of \$250 was presented to technology graduate Jason Doering.

The award goes to the third-year woodworking technology student who displays the best shop supervision skills over two semesters.

Linda Murphy, a technician graduate, was presented with \$250 and the Krug Award for Excellence.

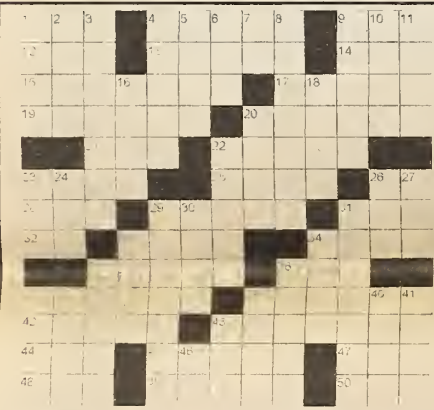
This award is given to the student with the highest standing over the two-year technician program.

The La-Z-Boy Canada Award and \$200 went to Andre Bauman, a technology graduate.

The award is presented to the third-year graduating student with the highest academic average in that year.

Paul Bruce, a second-year technology student, was presented the Freud Canada-Toolex Machinery Award, which goes to the first- or second-year student who wins the Skills Canada competition.

Ellis, fund-raising co-ordinator for the event, said about 115 people attended the banquet at the Howard Johnson hotel in Kitchener.



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STUDENT LIFE

Students look at White Paper's view on education

Post-secondary institutions need private-sector investments

By Diana Loveless

Business and industry should become more involved in funding education because of the direct benefits they gain from an educated workforce, members of a student focus group at Doon campus said recently.

Students in the group said an educational tax should be levied against all business and industry, based on a percentage of profits.

Government should also offer tax incentives to encourage business and industry to invest in education, the group said.

Government figures cited in the province's White Paper, which looks at the future of post-secondary education, break down the share of educational costs as follows: students, 24 per cent; government, 72 per cent and business

and industry, four per cent.

Like other colleges and universities across the province, Conestoga is conducting a series of focus groups, including faculty, students, staff and administration, to determine the concerns and needs of post-secondary institutions.

Findings will be presented to a provincial government advisory panel at a series of consultations which started Sept. 25 and will conclude Oct. 31.

Doon Student Association president April-Dawn Blackwell will represent students at the Oct. 30 consultation in London.

Focus group members also said they would like to see the government recognize education as an investment in the future, not just a public expense.

Students expressed serious con-

cerns about the rising cost of tuition and the greater burden that will be placed on students to fund their own educations.

Co-ordinated by Eleanor Conlin, chairwoman of academic research at Conestoga, the seven-member focus group was asked to consider the issues of tuition policies, accessibility to education and co-operation between post-secondary institutions.

"I don't think a lot of people (students) realize how important this is," said Cheryl Jack, Doon Student Association education and communications co-ordinator and third-year marketing student, who participated in the focus group.

"I wish more students knew about it (the White Paper)."

The government has said it will use the panel's findings to help develop public policy on the post-

secondary sector while achieving its five objectives: "excellence, accessibility, a range of programs and institutions that meet our needs, accountability and responsiveness."

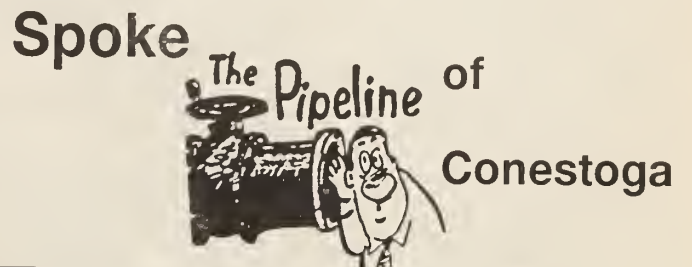
"Whether or not they (the government) will pay attention, we'll have to see," Jack said in a telephone interview.

"I really hope they will consider our concerns."

The series of consultations has

been called in response to the provincial government's White Paper, published in July.

The paper addresses such issues as the balance between the student sector, the private sector and provincial shares of post-secondary funding. It also reviews how costs can be reduced by eliminating program duplication and improving co-operation among Ontario's public educational institutions.



Leave it to Beaver for recycling

By Ross McDermott

Beaver Foods, the company that services the college's cafeteria, is doing all it can to run its operations in a manner that is environmentally friendly, says its district manager.

"Whatever the college has in its recycling system, we participate 100 per cent," John Kast said.

"We try to limit packaging. For instance, the cream dispensers are used so we don't need cream packages."

Kast said the pastry cabinet helps Beaver Foods to reduce the use of plastic wrap.

The purchase of items in bulk is another way the company reduces waste materials, he said.

"We try to have bulk in ketchup and mustard which saves on all those packages."

Kast said the only item Beaver Foods hasn't been too successful with is the sugar packages.

"We could have sugar containers and let the people pour from them, which would eliminate the packages, but it makes a heck of a mess and some people take their coffees elsewhere. So what do they do?"

Kast said there are pros and cons in everything. "People think automatically that permanent chinaware would be better than paper because it produces less waste. But on the other hand, they seem to forget that all the dish soap and



BREAKIN' IT DOWN — Kenny Stiles, porter for Beaver Foods at Conestoga's cafeteria, breaks down and loads cardboard into recycling bins.

(Photo by Ross McDermott)

detergent goes down the drain."

Beaver Foods also recycles all its cardboard waste.

This waste is handled by Kenny Stiles, porter for Beaver Foods.

Stiles said that he breaks down the cardboard and piles it in recycling bins.

These bins are then taken to the compactor located behind maintenance by Double M & M Janitorial Service.

Dick Deadman, head of housekeeping at the college, said the cardboard is separated at the compactor, and if the boxes are still good they are reused. If not they go into the compactor.

Stiles, who also helps clean the cafeteria at the college, says students usually make this part of his job pretty easy.

Beaver Foods has an environmental policy which applies to all the community colleges it services in southern Ontario.

The company is an active member in the Canadian Polystyrene Recycling Association, of which Beaver Foods was the founding member in 1989.

The environmental policy outlines energy and water conservation, purchasing policy, resources, waste auditing and waste reduction and reuse.

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STUDENT LIFE

Software aid to visually impaired

By Colleen Cassidy

Advancements in computers and computer software have given visually impaired people like Carey Ruby better opportunities than ever before to succeed at college.

Ruby, a third-year computer programmer-analyst student, at Conestoga, uses computers equipped with technology for the visually impaired.

He uses Multi-Voice, an external unit that plugs into the serial port on the central processing unit of any computer and makes it talk.

"To prevent theft, the systems are bolted down and can't be moved forward," said Ruby.

A computer equipped with the external unit works very much like any other computer.

The biggest difference is a voice output that reads programs as well as what the user has typed.

Since he can't see the computer screen, Ruby doesn't usually turn it on.

Jobs Access With Speech, the program used by the college for the visually impaired, can be used with DOS or Windows.

"JAWS is basically a screen reader and provides an audio output because visually impaired people can't see the screen," Ruby said.

When Ruby entered the computer course, he used the program through DOS, but the computer programmer analyst program has been changed to Windows.

"Windows is more visual. When the speech reader is used with DOS, commands are typed in. In Windows, the mouse has to be used and because you need to be able to see to use a mouse, it is pretty difficult for the visually impaired person," he said.

With the program, the number pad is used more than with an ordinary computer.

"It's easier just to put your hand on the pad, then you don't have to wander around the keyboard," said Ruby.

The voice-output pitch and speed can be altered.

"Sometimes there is too much audio overload," he said, "so I turn on the Multi-Voice. The voices all have different names."

Some of the names are Perfect Paul, a voice sounding like a radio announcer, Beautiful Betty, whose voice sounds like an attractive, young woman, and Kid to Kid, a child's voice, he said.

Ruby said the software aid has been programmed into computers using specific servers, but it can't be accessed unless the user knows the special login code.

Some programs still need peer tutors

By Sara Maxim

Being a peer tutor may seem like a lot of extra work but it can be beneficial, said Myrna Nicholas, the peer tutoring administrator in college student services.

As a tutor, a student gets opportunities to review the course material. This review makes the tutor an even stronger student, she said.

"Being a tutor looks wonderful on a resume," said Nicholas. "It means not only were they top notch students but they have also developed some good interpersonal skills." As well, tutors are paid an hourly wage of \$7.

If being a peer tutor sounds like something you would be interested in, this year is a good time to sign up, she said. Due to a number of changes in the delivery of some programs and changes in the content of some courses, there is definitely a need for tutoring this year, she said.

Nicholas is still looking for tutors and will be holding one more training session this month.

Typically, there are some programs in which a greater number of tutors is required, she said.

The mechanical engineering technology program, the electronics engineering technology program, the computer programmer analyst program and the nursing program are all still in need of tutors.

If a student would like to be a peer tutor, applications can be filled out at student services, Nicholas said.

To be a peer tutor a student should enjoy working with others, she said. As well, the student must have at least 75 per cent in the courses they wish to tutor and an overall program average of 70 per cent.

Once the application has been filled out, the student must attend a three-hour training session before beginning to tutor, said Nicholas.

This training session reviews what paperwork is required from the tutors and goes over some of the rules of good communication.

"Being a tutor looks wonderful on a resume."

Myrna Nicholas
peer tutoring administrator

Nicholas said she tries to pair students with tutors who have been successful in the same course in which the tutoring is needed. And, if possible, she tries to pair the student with a tutor who had the same instructor for the course.

Once a pair has been made, Nicholas gives the student the phone number of the peer tutor so they can arrange a time to meet. The first meeting takes place in student services where the tutor and student sign a formal contract, she said.

A copy of the contract is sent to the student's instructor so the instructor knows his student is seeking additional help.

"It always looks favorable upon the student," said Nicholas.

Under the contract, the student receives five hours of tutoring. If a student still needs additional tutoring once the five hours has finished, contract renewal can be discussed with Nicholas.

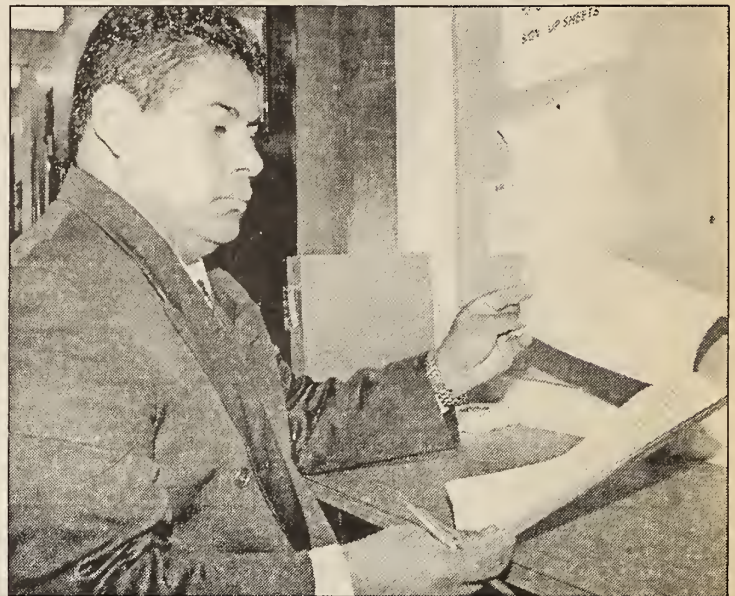
However, there is a cut-off date after which Nicholas will not start another contract.

This cut-off date allows the tutors to finish off any existing contracts and still have time to study for their own exams.

"Always bear in mind that the tutors are students," she said.

October and November are typically the busiest times in first semester for the peer tutoring program, Nicholas said.

If you are interested in tutoring or need a tutor you can make an appointment in room 2B02.



HELPING HAND — Isan Martinez, a third-year computer programmer analyst student, signs up to be a peer tutor.

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STUDENT LIFE

Conestoga health office equipped for flu season

Vaccinations soon available for high-risk groups

By Doug Coxson

Aches and pains, fever, coughing, sore throat and extreme fatigue are the symptoms of influenza, a highly contagious, winter-season respiratory disease, but reducing the chance of getting the virus is as simple as receiving a flu vaccination in the fall, said Conestoga's health office nurse.

Carol Nelson said the shot, which is available starting Oct. 18 in Conestoga's health and safety office, along with other information about the virus, is free of charge for individuals in high-risk groups.

The vaccine should soon be available, for \$10, to those not meeting the conditions of the high-risk groups.

The high-risk groups which are covered include: people over 65, all residents and staff of patient-care facilities, people with chronic cardiac or pulmonary disorders and people with chronic conditions such as diabetes, cancer, HIV infection and transplant recipients.

The flu shot is recommended for people who provide essential community services such as police and firefighters, said the Ontario Ministry of Health.

"It's not just for elderly people," said Nelson. Influenza is extremely contagious, can keep people in bed for up to a week and

is spread through close contact with infected people.

"Just like anything else, with prolonged contact, you'll probably get it. We're only getting 30 of the vaccines in pre-filled syringes for those people having to pay and once the 30 run out, unless there's a huge demand, we won't get any more."

Those having to pay for the vaccination will be given receipts so it may be claimed on their income tax.

The vaccine begins to take effect about two weeks after immunization and can last up to six months. "I think the flu season will go into March, so by getting vaccinated now, you're receiving six months of coverage," said Nelson.

According to information from Connaught Laboratories Ltd., the makers of the vaccine, the danger of complications from flu, such as pneumonia, are common among high-risk groups.

Influenza, according to Connaught, accounts for 5,000 deaths in Canada each year and puts 70,000 people in the hospital. Despite educational efforts through the health care system, only about 45 per cent of the high-risk group are vaccinated annually, said information from the Ontario Ministry of Health.

"I think people who work with high-risk people, like in nursing

homes and maybe some day-care centres, would tend to get the vaccination," said Nelson.

The flu shot is geared toward high-risk individuals such as those with chronic heart ailments and people over 65, due to an increased chance of fatality.

There is, however, increasing evidence that a reduced rate of outbreaks in healthy individuals is extremely cost effective, said Dr. Doug Syder of the Waterloo Regional Health Unit in a telephone interview.

People suffering from flu symptoms often lose time from work and require hospital stays that cost employers and the government millions of dollars, said Syder.

According to statistics from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Connaught Laboratories, illness is prevented in about 70 per cent of healthy adults and children who have received the flu shot.

Their studies also show that vaccination among the elderly in nursing homes is 85 per cent effective in preventing death due to complications from the flu.

Individuals who should not be vaccinated are those with a serious infection and people who have an allergy to eggs.

The vaccine contains some egg proteins which could cause an allergic response in those individuals.



BEAT THE FLU — Conestoga nurse Carol Nelson displays the Fluzone split-virus vaccine soon to be available at the health and safety office at Doon campus.

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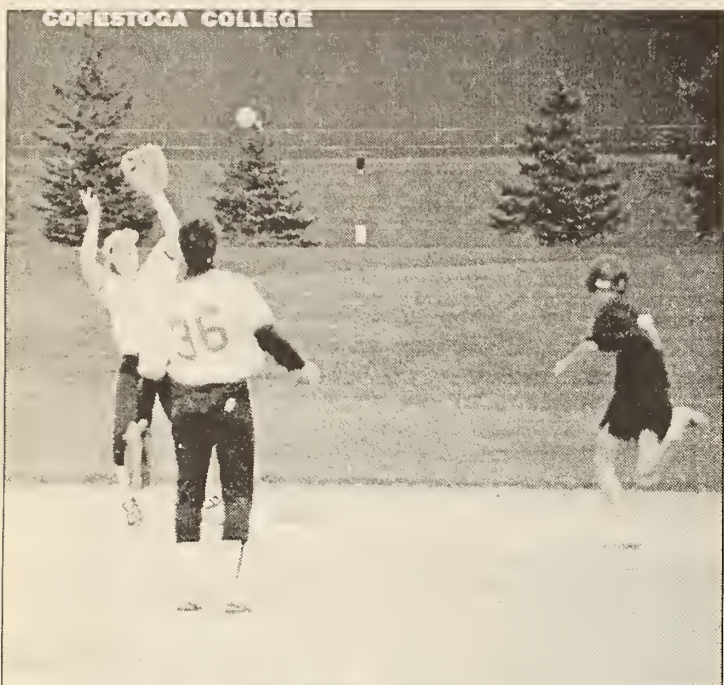
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SPORTS

Fawn Day pitches no-hitter for Condors' victory



GOT IT — Krista Heer, first-year general arts and science student, catches an infield fly during the Condors' winning game over Mohawk on Oct. 2. Pitcher Fawn Day looks on. (Photo by Rick Kew)

By Rick Kew

The Condors softball team overshadowed visiting Mohawk College with a 4-0 victory in an Oct. 2 game which was called in the sixth inning because of darkness.

For the Mountaineers, Condor pitcher Fawn Day, a third-year business student, was a dark force of another kind as she pitched a no-hitter, striking out nine of the 20 batters she faced in the six-inning contest.

The Condors out-hit Hamilton 8-0. Jane Seifried and Marsha Miller, each with two hits, were named players of the game.

Seifried, a first-semester student in the ambulance and emergency care program, smacked a single to start the Condors offence in the second inning.

Seifried moved to second base on a sacrifice bunt and took third with alert base-running after a passed ball at the plate.

With Seifried in scoring position,

Miller, also a first-semester student in the ambulance and emergency care program, cracked a double into the outfield, bringing Seifried home and making the score 1-0.

Another double, this time by second-year law and security student Shelly Remmert, moved Miller to third.

The next batter, Amanda White, a first-year law and security student, singled to right-centre field. Both runners moved at the crack of the bat and Miller scored easily, making the score 2-0.

Remmert, charging hard from second, was waved home by third-base coach Yvonne Broome.

As Remmert rounded third, the throw from the outfield focused all eyes on home plate. She beat the throw making the score 3-0.

Meanwhile, White, racing to first base, could see the throw heading toward home. She made the turn at first and accelerated toward second. However, even as she

heard the home-plate umpire cry safe, the alert Mountaineer catcher rifled the ball to second base.

In a cloud of dust, the game highlight for Hamilton, the sliding White was tagged out, ending the inning.

The Condors threatened in the fourth, on Seifried's and Miller's second hits, but could not score.

With Day's strong pitching handcuffing the Mountaineer batters, they tried to offset her speed by continually trying to bunt, but the Conestoga infield preserved Day's no-hitter.

In the sixth inning, first-year materials management student Keri Quipp laid down a bunt and moved to second on a sacrifice fly-ball.

With darkness increasing, Jill Kuntz, a first-year recreation leadership student, hit a stand-up double, scoring Quipp and making the score 4-0.

The Condors' record stands at three wins and two losses.

Condor hockey team ties Seneca

By Jason Romanko

Conestoga's varsity hockey team tied the Seneca Braves 7-7 in an exhibition game Oct. 4 in North York.

The Condors hit the ice with bus legs and could barely hold off the relentless Braves attack in the first. Due to good goaltending by Conestoga's Chris Marshall, the damage after one was kept to a minor 2-0 lead for Seneca.

The Condors took a retaliation penalty 20 seconds from the opening face-off. A mistake the Braves quickly converted into a 1-0 lead.

Braves forward Mike Wiseman tucked in a rebound from a point shot that was not cleared by the Condor defence 27 seconds into the period.

The Braves kept charging at the lifeless Condors and quickly upped the total to two.

Conestoga had a costly defensive breakdown at 2:17 of the first, when Mike Wiseman scored his second of the night by sneaking behind the Condor defence and tucking a pass high under the crossbar.

Condor Daryl Sinclair fired a hard, low shot between the legs of Seneca goalie Isaac Iber, 1:10 into the period. At 2:20, Chris Palubski buried a pass into the top right-hand corner.

Seneca scored its second power play goal to take the lead back at 9:47, when Braves' Dan Rolt swept in a rebound by fresh goalie Devin Steubing.

The Condors battled hard and scored a power play goal of their own with one second left in the second.

Condor forward Mike Hodgert scored on a rebound during a scramble in front of the Seneca net.

The game was tied 3-3 after two periods of play. Sinclair grabbed the lead for Conestoga at 13:38 of the third with his second goal of the game.

The Braves answered with another power play goal when forward Jeff Kilb walked out of the corner down low and threw it into the far corner at 12:35 to notch the game at four a piece.

Condors regained the lead at 9:40 into the third when a point shot by defenceman Dale Henry deflected a shot off a helmet in front of the net to beat the Seneca goalie.

Conestoga forward Scott Nichol scored at 8:42 by picking up a loose puck and making a quick move left then right with the puck sailing over Iber's shoulder to give the Condors a 6-4 lead.

Seneca stormed back with three unanswered goals. A defensive breakdown by Conestoga allowed Kilb to score his second of the game by walking out of the corner untouched and tucked one past the Condor goalie. Seneca's Wiseman scored his third and fourth goal of the game with two power play markers.

The first of the two goals came at 7:45 to tie the game and the other at 4:11 to take the lead for Seneca.

The Condors refused to die and with 57 seconds left in the game and the goalie pulled, Palubski tallied his second of the night with a one-timer that was drilled past the Seneca goalie, right off the draw, in the top-right corner to tie the game at seven.

Jason Romanko is a Spoke reporter who also works part-time for the recreation centre.

Condors compete against American college teams

By Diane Santos

The Conestoga Condors women's softball team went to Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind., Oct. 5-7 to compete in an exhibition tournament against three American colleges and universities.

Conestoga is the first Canadian college to compete in this annual tournament.

The Condors first battled with Valparaiso University, then Northeastern and lastly Notre Dame. Other colleges involved were DePaul and Toledo.

During the warm-up for the first game, while Condor teammate Amanda White was catching for

pitcher Fawn Day, she was hit with the ball, breaking the septum in her nose.

Although the Condors suffered dramatic losses against three highly ranked teams in the U.S. women's softball league, they never gave in and consistently had hits on the board.

The Condors lost their first game against Valparaiso 10-4; they lost to Northeastern 9-2 and they were defeated in their final game against Notre Dame 13-0.

Nomination for player of the tournament went to Jane Seifried.

Seifried had an amazing double play as she caught a line drive while diving over third base and then getting the tag at third during

the first game in the bottom of the second inning, while Valparaiso was up 3-0.

In the second game against Northeastern, Seifried hit the only home run for the Condors in the tournament.

The ball flew right between left and centre field and cleared the wall.

The Notre Dame pitcher attempted to put a stop to Seifried's hitting streak when the announcer for the Fighting Irish disclosed Seifried's home run to the players and multitude of fans.

Seifried's next two at bat were walks.

Diane Santos is an employee of the Conestoga recreation centre.

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- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor



TUNING IN — Mike Binnenayk, 22, lead guitarist for the Jessica Schoenberg Band practises before performing in the Sanctuary, Thursday.

Jessica Schoenberg Band draws 150 to DSA nooner

By Eric Whitfield

Jessica Schoenberg of The Jessica Schoenberg Band played a free nooner in the Sanctuary on Oct. 3.

Singing songs such as Mr. Billboard, Heavy Rain and My Apologies, from their CD *The Jessica Schoenberg Band*, they entertained about 150 listeners.

Cory Papirny, the drummer, said their songs are about life experiences.

The Edmonton-based musicians have been together for 1 1/2 years.

Mike Pinnendyk, the band's lead guitarist and back-up vocalist, said he was playing in a guitar shop where Schoenberg worked.

Schoenberg, who plays acoustic guitar, heard him play and approached him about starting a band.

They formed the band with Chris Brzezick, the bass player, and Papirny, who attended music college together.

The music school was one of the ways the band was musically influenced, Pinnendyk said. "Jazz, pop and blues, all types of music influenced us. Anything we heard on the radio."

Jamie Kidd, who Schoenberg said worked with k.d. Lang early in Lang's career, produced their CD, which was released nationally on Jan. 31.

Since the release, the band has been touring Canada to push the album, Schoenberg said. Touring has taken them as far west as the British Columbia mainland and as far east as Ottawa.

The band has opened for groups

such as April Wine and Blue Rodeo, where they played in front of 1,500 people, Schoenberg said.

Other bands and singers they have opened for include: Captain Tractor, Tory Cassis, Kinnie Starr, Chains on 20, Melanie Doane, the Rich Hope Sound Magazine, Tom Wilson of Junkhouse, Mae Moore, Lawrence Gowen, the Matthew Good Band, Rebecca West and the Blue Meanies.

Schoenberg said they will tour until December and head back to the studio in the new year.



BIG SUGAR BLUES — Big Sugar: (left to right) bassist Garry Lowe; harmonica and sax, Kelly Hoppe; lead guitarist and vocalist Gordie Johnson and drummer, Paul Brennan.

(Photo courtesy of A&M Records)

CD Review

Big Sugar's Hemi-vision rocks

By Doug Coxson

A smoke-filled and cramped space, electric pops sputtering from the amps, booze, beer, chatter from a charged audience and finally, the roar of applause — Big Sugar is on stage.

Slide the volume to 11 kids, one of the best bar bands around has successfully conveyed their live sound to plastic on their third full-length album.

A couple of live tracks on their 1995 EP, *Dear M.F.*, displayed an affinity between the band's studio recordings and their live sound.

Big Sugar's new 12-song CD, *Hemi-vision*, rocks with an intensity reminiscent of the ear-numbing exhilaration of their live shows. From the opening track, *Diggin' a Hole*, on which lead guitarist and vocalist Gordie Johnson wails his blues through a dub microphone, to the nine-minute-long weeper, *Tobacco Hand*, accented by Ashley MacIsaac's subtle fiddle bridge, *Hemi-vision* cranks the blues up a few notches with musical influences from psyche-

delia to pop to reggae.

The song *If I Had My Way* reveals Johnson's mastery of the pop hook as he smoothly blends power chords with bluesy slide guitar and Kelly Hoppe's screaming harmonica.

The sway-and-grind reggae hop of the song *Joe Louis/Judgement Day* plays like an extended live jam and *Empty Head* has a Zepplinesque quality to its driving groove.

Johnson's vocal talents help to convey the classic blues mantra of jealousy and loss and the rest of the band, including drummer Paul Brennan, bassist Garry Lowe and Kelly Hoppe on harmonica and saxophone, provide an incredibly powerful backup to Johnson's stunning guitar playing.

The disc is a bit long at 68 minutes, but it's time well spent. Excellent driving tunes.

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